

Will the broadcast flag interfere with consumers ability to make copies of DTV content for their personal use, either on personal video recorders or removable media?

It wil of course interfere since most new devices are digital recorders for audio & video. We, as consumers, want digital copies.

Would the digital flag interfere with consumers ability to send DTV content across networks, such as home digital networks connecting digital set top boxes, digital recorders, digital servers and digital display devices?

Yes, connecting my digital devices at home, it a three story townhouse is very convenient and and expected use without limit.

Would the broadcast flag requirement limit consumers ability to use their existing electronic equipment (equipment not built to look for the flag) or make it difficult to use older components with new equipment that is compliant with the broadcast flag standard?

Yes, because it sounds like the flag will prevent playback or display on older gear.

Would a broadcast flag requirement limit the development of future equipment providing consumers with new options?

I bet it would. Fear of lawsuits or criminal prosecution often limits development.

What will be the cost impact, if any, that a broadcast flag requirement would have on consumer electronics equipment?

Not sure.

Other Comments:

As a consumer and copyright creator (writer & filmmaker), I want digital copying for personal use allowed without restriction. Lumping consumers together with illegal copyright pirates is unconstitutional, short-sighted and interfering with free trade, free speech and legitimate use. Please stop considering the needs of individual consumers and artists before the needs of large corporations.